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Subject: RE: Impacts of listing Texas hornshell on border wall
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Susan-

Wanted to quickly follow back up with you on this. While I generally agree that your statement captured our conversation, I discussed with further with colleagues in this office. As a result, two sentences were added to your statement below to address outfalls, rivers, or flood diversions adjacent to the river where wall may cross.

"We discussed the impacts that listing Texas hornshell may have on a potential border wall. Because there is no proposal we may evaluate, we discussed its likely placement. It is your understanding that a potential border wall would likely be built out of the floodplain of the river, based on other projects you have worked on. If this is the case, the only potential impact the construction or maintenance of such a wally may have on Texas hornshell would from increased sedimentation. These impacts can be minimized, and so it is unlikely the listing of Texas hornshell would preclude border wall construction. However, there are areas along the Rio Grande with outfalls, rivers, or flood diversions that drain to the Rio Grande and that future wall could cross. These crossings could be instances where the wall could potentially impact the Texas hornshell."

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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Hi Joseph-

Thanks for speaking with me this morning. I wanted to email you to quickly recap our conversation and to give you my contact information in case you think of anything else beyond what we discussed.

We discussed the impacts that listing Texas hornshell may have on a potential border wall. Because there is no proposal we may evaluate, we discussed its likely placement. It is your understanding that a potential border wall would likely be built out of the floodplain of the river, based on other projects you have worked on. If this is the case, the only potential impact the construction or maintenance of such a wally may have on Texas hornshell would from increased sedimentation. These impacts can be minimized, and so it is unlikely the listing of Texas hornshell would preclude border wall construction.

Please let me know if I have mischaracterized our discussion and if you think of anything else.

Thank you-

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